

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

By this amendment, claims 1, 8 and 14 are amended. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-19 are pending in the present application.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action dated November 10 2009, claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Takayama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,477,570, hereinafter "Takayama"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

According to exemplary embodiments of the present invention, a user is notified if a job cannot be executed by the job processing device under the designated processing condition and given a choice to change the processing condition. Setup for initial job processing condition as well as for the current setup change can be done on the same setup screen. The present invention is not limited to the exemplary embodiments described above.

Claim 1 recites a computer readable medium storing a computer program for causing a computer in a job transmitting device to execute a process comprising the steps of:

1) providing a user with a setup screen to accept through the setup screen an input of a processing condition for a job from the user, the setup screen being provided by a computer program for transmitting the job to a job processing device;

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if it is judged that said job cannot be processed in step 3), accepting at least one of a user's instruction to change the processing condition and a user's instruction to compulsorily execute the job according to the processing condition before transmitting said job to the job processing device;

5) if the user's instruction is to change the processing condition in step 4), providing the user with the setup screen to accept through the setup screen an input to change the processing condition for the job from the user.

Takayama does not disclose the combination of claim 1 that includes the above recited features. In the March 29, 2010 Advisory Action, the Examiner states that a sample setup screen is shown in Fig. 21 of Takayama wherein the user inputs a filename and selects the printer button. The Examiner further referred to col. 15, lines 5-30 and Fig. 17 of Takayama as allegedly disclosing a setup window.

Referring to Fig. 21 of Takayama, a print window is provided for the user to specify a file that is to be printed. Referring to Fig. 17, of Takayama, the interrogation window displays a message proposing possible printer recovery methods of changing the toner for printer 104, or feeding paper for printer 103. The interrogation window additionally provides buttons for the user to accept or deny the proposed printer recovery methods.

Applicant submits neither the print window nor the interrogation window of Takayama corresponds to the claimed steps involving the setup window. For example, the print window as illustrated in Fig. 21 does not accept an input to change the processing condition for the job from the user, as described in claim 1.

The interrogation window in Fig. 17 of Takayama is used for displaying the alternative printer recovery methods, and for accepting the user's approval or denial

of the printer recovery methods. The interrogation window proposes methods to change the status of the printer. The interrogation window in Takayama is not used for transmitting the job to a job processing device, or accepting change of the processing condition. Therefore, the interrogation window in Fig. 17 does not correspond to the claimed step involving setup window.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner refers to Figs. 24, 33, 54, 56, 58 and 59 of Takayama as allegedly disclosing the claimed setup window. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Fig. 24 provides an inquiry window to specify whether a color printer is used. Fig. 33 provides an inquiry window to indicate to a user that a printed document remains in a color printer.

Figs. 24 and 33 of Takayama illustrate inquiry windows that accept a command or indication of understanding from the user. The inquiry windows are not used for a user to input both an input of a processing condition for a job and a change of the processing condition for the job from the user after it is determined that the job cannot be performed according to the processing condition, as described in claim 1.

Figs. 54, 56, 58 and 59 illustrate contents of a print job that is to be output, and parameters that were designated by a user. The windows illustrated in those figures are not used for a user to input both an input of a processing condition for a job and a change of the processing condition for the job from the user after it is determined that the job cannot be performed according to the processing condition, as described in claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, claim 1 is patentable. Claims 2-7 are patentable at least because of their dependency from claim 1. Claims 8-19 are patentable at least because they include distinguishing features similar to those of claim 1.

CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of present application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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